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Homecoming leaves more good memories

By Rachael Riley
Co-editor

Homecoming at TJC has come and gone, but the annual event left behind many memories. Among many activities for students were the Friday noon pep rally on the front lawn drew the largest turnout, approximately 2000 people, Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

Sophomore Student Senate President Amanda Zachary was crowned Homecoming Queen and Anthony Luckey of the Deaf Club was crowned King at halftime of the football game.

"It meant a lot to me because the whole student body gets to vote. You don't know everyone like you did in high school. I got to meet a lot of

new people while campaigning. It was an honor," Zachary said.

Nalley said "Anthony blew the competition away for Homecoming King. Votes for the Queen were separated by two votes."

The Campus Capers talent show introduced many gifted organizations and amateur acts. Dustin Feldman placed first in the professional division singing a country song titled "Someone Else's Star." Ashley Bahr, Charles Barton, Rodney Cook, Cory Lynch and Rosalind White representing the cheerleaders placed second. Harmony and Understanding placed third. The group Xclusive placed first in the amateur division. Ryan



Photo by Josh Rosales

In true Apache spirit, the Football players were led on to the field by the Apache mascot to the cheers of hometown fans and returning alumni and the jeers of visiting Kilgore fans at the homecoming game. TJC lost to the Kilgore College Rangers 30-17.

Thomas with a hackey sack routine placed second. Deborah Oliver placed third

with a song entitled "Weakness."

First place won \$300, sec-

ond place \$200 and third place \$100.

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TJC loses generous, long-time benefactor

By Rachael Riley
page editor

TJC lost a long-time generous benefactor when Emma Foote Ferguson Wise, 92, died Oct. 3.

Born on Sept. 5, 1912, she attended Baylor University, then lived in Houston 40 years before she married the late Watson Wise and moved to Tyler.

She was active in commu-

nity institutions and an avid supporter of TJC.

"She believed in opportunity, which is why she supported TJC," TJC President Dr. William Crowe said. "She believed education and school activities are an important experience."

Wise Cultural Arts Center, opened in 1980, and Wise Auditorium, built in 1954, were

named to honor Emma and Watson Wise.

She believed "fine arts are an important part of the education perspective and wanted them to be exposed to all students," Crowe said.

After her husband's death, her contributions to TJC included Wise Auditorium renovations four years ago, scholarships and establishing the

Watson W. Wise Foundation.

She served on the Wise Foundation Trustees Board, Tyler Junior College Foundation Board of Directors, and was part of the President's Circle.

"I knew her for 20 years. Everyone could describe her as an elegant lady. She believed in strongly giving back to the community," Crowe said.

Survivors include three sons: Hershal C. Ferguson Jr., Robert B. Ferguson and Stephen F. Ferguson; seven grandchildren: Christopher C. Ferguson, Hershal C. Ferguson III, Karen Ferguson Embs, Robert B. Ferguson Jr., Scott C. Ferguson, Stephen F. Ferguson Jr. and Susan C. Ferguson, and five great-grandchildren.

Campus doctor advises about flu

By Brooke Langston
Staff Writer

One big concern for many right now is the shortage of the flu vaccine. Most students don't need it.

Dr. Craig Gunter said, "I don't recommend to get one if you are young and healthy. You are encouraged to leave the remaining supply for the sick and elderly."

Gunter manages the Campus Clinic in Rogers Student Center.

All children ages 6-23 months, adults over 65, pregnant women and health-care workers should receive the vaccine.

The United States uses three suppliers and normally receives about 102 million doses. One corporation an-

nounced Oct. 5 that it would have no influenza vaccine available for 2004-05 flu season, according to Center for Disease Control information. Chiron's license in the Liverpool, England, facility has been suspended for three months, halting all manufacturing of its Fluvirin vaccine.

The estimated remaining total of vaccine available in the U.S. is nearly 54 million doses, approximately 30 million of which have already been distributed.

Due to this shortage, many doctors have issued recommendations. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu or call the National Immunization Hotline at (800) 232-2522, Gunter said.

One frequently-publicized health risk for college stu-

dents is meningitis, but Gunter said meningitis fear is overblown. He has seen no case of the disease over the last two years since he's been here.

"The risk for meningitis is increased at a large college, but the risk here is no greater than at home," he said. Meningitis is possible, but not likely. The vaccine is not offered on campus or in Tyler and is not highly recommended by most doctors.

Dr. Gunter said college students should be more concerned about sexually transmitted diseases. The odds are way higher and STD's are very preventable. Gunter recommends abstaining from sexual activity to solve this problem.

Pregnancy tests are available at the campus clinic but,

he said, those who test positive will be referred for prenatal care. Birth control is not offered by the campus clinic but is available at Planned Parenthood. Medications are offered there at much lower cost.

The top three reasons students come to the campus medical facility are for colds, broken bones or muscle aches and depression or anxiety.

A new study is out about gaining the "Freshmen 15." Dr. Gunter's advice to avoid gaining the weight is, "Don't smoke, don't drink in excess, be physically active and watch what you eat." Students have access to the Ornelas HPE Center to help them stay in shape.

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Fall back from
Daylight Savings
Time at midnight
Saturday, Oct. 30.**

Students plan to support Bush by wide margin

After three heated televised presidential debates and early voting underway, many Americans wonder who will be their next president. Will George Bush remain in office or will Sen. John Kerry take over the White House? TJC students have strong opinions about the candidate they support.

If 20 TJC students interviewed earlier this month were the American electorate, Bush will win, 14 to 3, with two choosing not to vote.

Nursing major Katie Luker, 18, from Brownsboro, is planning to vote for President Bush in November. "He has the same moral codes that I have," Luker said.

Communications major Salvador Tizcareno, 18, of Tyler plans to vote for President Bush because "I like Bush better," he said.

Sophomore nursing major Emily Sepmoree, 19, from Tyler plans to vote Republican in the 2004 election. "He's (Bush) a Christian, and has the same morals that I do," Sepmoree.

Journalism major Cole Bowen, 20, of Lindale is a hard-core Democrat. "I like what he stands for," Bowen said about his support for Senator Kerry. Bowen is all for Kerry winning

the election next week and he isn't afraid to tell others, he said.

Tylerite Carl Patterson turned 18 in time to vote for George W. Bush in his first election. "President Bush isn't afraid of anyone and will do what he thinks is right. I'm afraid of what would have happened if Al Gore was our president after Sept. 11. Bush is the better leader at this point in America," Patterson said.

Justine Edwards, 21, from Dallas, refuses to vote in this election. "Both candidates are incompetent. If this is the best that America has to offer, then this country is in sad shape," he said.

Nursing major Tiffany Steel had been on the fence for until the first presidential candidate debate. "John Kerry looked like a leader during the debate," she said. "He didn't get upset. He stood up there and told the American people what President Bush is doing wrong and what he is going to do to bring this country back to respectability."

"President Bush looked agitated. You could tell he didn't want to be there and he spent the whole debate in attack mode," Steel said.

Bubba Briggs, 21, a busi-

ness major from south Texas said the country is in good shape with President Bush at the helm. "You can trust him. He is a good old Texas boy," Briggs said.

"If he says he will do something, then he will do it. He has been a strong leader. He has made the toughest decision by any President since Harry Truman. He doesn't flip-flop either. He sticks with his beliefs," Briggs said.

Sophomore sonography major Keagan Shannon, 19, from Tyler is registered and plans to vote for Bush because "he is a great president like his father," Shannon said.

Freshman general studies major Elizabeth Elder, 18, from Terrell, is registered to vote and intends to vote for Bush "because Kerry sucks," Elder said.

Sophomore nursing major Chelsea Craig, 20, from Tyler is a registered voter who plans to vote for Bush because she doesn't like Kerry.

Sophomore English major Amy Stewart, 19, plans to vote for Bush because she "doesn't believe Kerry is the right one for America," said Stewart.

Anthony Martinez, a 19-year-old theater major who lives in Mineola, did not vote

in the previous election, but he plans to vote for Bush this time. "Bush has done a great job. Kerry can not make up his mind on anything. He will say whatever the people will want to hear," Martinez said.

Samuel Gonzales, 24, works in the Learning Loft and majors in sign language interpreting. In the last election he voted for Bush and plans to do so again. "Why not?" he said.

Theater major Jordan Martin from Van is a registered voter who plans to vote for Bush because he doesn't like Kerry, he said.

Registered voter Jacob Davis, 19, plans to vote for Bush. "He is the lesser of the two evils," Davis said.

"They are both liars. Kerry talks all about how he isn't going to take away from the middle class and yet he plans to add all sorts of new programs. How does he intend to pay for this? Tax the middle class? If I could, I would vote for Jon Stewart," Davis said.

Longview native freshman Kasee Pringle, 18, is a registered voter who plans to vote for Bush because "Kerry is a liar and I don't trust him with my country," she said. She was too young to vote in the 2000 election, but she would have

supported Bush all the way, she said.

Sophomore dental hygiene major Brandee Parker, 20, from Brownsboro is registered and plans to vote for Bush because she believes, "He is the most real president we have had and that's good for our country." Parker was too young to vote in the 2000 election.

Sophomore engineering major Pat Aikland, 22, from Waco is registered and plans to vote for John Kerry. "Bush has run this country into the ground trying to be like his father," he said.

Aikland voted for Bush in 2000 because "at the time, I thought Bush would be as good of a president as his father had been, but not try to be his father. All he cares about is finishing what his father started," he said.

Sophomore Michael Johnson, 20, from Houston is not registered and does not plan to vote because "they both are terrible," he said. "Bush doesn't have a clue what he is doing and Kerry is full of it."

Meighan Brown, Vincent Johnson, Andy Martinez, Peyton Paschall and Joshua Russell contributed to this story

News Briefs

Phi Theta Kappa seeks Coats, jackets for kids

Phi Theta Kappa is collecting new or "gently used" child-sized and adult-sized coats and jackets for Coats for Kids. Coats should be in reasonably good shape and can be dropped off by Oct. 29 at PTK sponsor Gigi Delk's office, 236 Pirtle Technology Center.

County Medical Society announces Health Fair

The Smith County Medical Society Alliance will host a "Carnival of Care" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Glass Recreation Center on the Texas College campus, 501 W. 32nd St.

Those who attend can get screenings and free immunizations by the regional Public Health Department, and visit educational booths. Flu shots will be available.

Colleges send recruiters

The University of Phoenix will distribute information and recruit new students from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. near the east stairwell in Jenkins Hall Oct. 29.

Stephen F. Austin State University will recruit from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. Each group will have a representative with information about their college.

Diabetes Association schedules Nov. 6 walk

The American Diabetes Association seeks participants for a Nov. 6 Walk for Diabetes at Bergfeld Park. Check-in is 8 a.m. and the walk will start at 9 a.m. For more information call 903-535-0028.

Hooten to speak about Milky Way at Star Party

Hudnall Planetarium Director Tom Hooten will explain "our place in the Milky Way" at the public

astronomy lecture at 7 p.m. Nov. in Apache Room 4, Rogers Student Center.

Advanced tickets are required and may be purchased in the Cashier's Office in White Administrative Services Building. Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. After the lecture the Astronomical Society of East Texas will host their monthly Star Party.

Wildlife Federation seeks applicants for fellowships

The National Wildlife Federation is now accepting applications for its 2005 Fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students interested in enhancing the environment.

Fellows will assist with the research, design and implementation of projects to help reduce consumption and pollution, and restore habitat and other environmentally helpful activities.

More information is available

about the fellowships at www.nfw.org/campusecology. Application deadline is Dec. 15.

Ornelas HPE sets hours

The Ornelas HPE Center has announced new hours, Director Julia Williamson said. The Center is open: 6 a.m. to midnight Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Areas open to students and the public include Gentry Gym, the weight room, cardio room, track and racquetball courts

Faculty display art works in Wise Gallery till Nov. 19

Art works created by the TJC art faculty will be displayed in Wise Gallery until Nov. 19. The works include paintings, drawings, printmaking, sculptures, ceramics, installations, collages and weaving.

The Gallery, adjacent to Wise Auditorium is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Admission is free.

Students reveal best, worst moments: part 3

Eighteen-year-old Salvador Tizcareno has had an experience few ever deal with, especially someone so young. Tizcareno believes that his heart surgery is the best thing that has ever happened to him. "It taught me to deal with pain," Tizcareno said.

After surviving heart surgery, most injuries would seem unimportant, but the worst thing that ever happened, Tizcareno said, was dislocating his knee while playing football. After all the pain and agony of that experience, Tizcareno said, he will never play football again. Now, working at Little Caesar's Pizza, Tizcareno said he can relax and focus on continuing his education at TJC.

Business major Reggie Fonza, 22, from Troup, said one of the best things that has ever happened to him was "waking up this morning." The worst, he said, was getting burned helping rescue his grandmother from a fire the night before, when a gas stove exploded.

Those who meet music major John Whitt quickly find out that he is happy to be in school. He's the first person in his family to continue his education by pursuing a bachelor's degree.

It means so much to him, Whitt said, "because it means so much to my

family." Palestine native Whitt, who now lives in Tyler, has quickly acclimated himself to college life.

Despite his happy personality, Whitt has been dealt some bad hands. When his grandfather died it hit him hard, he said, because they were close. He was angry with his sister, and he cried a lot, Whitt said, but he tried to accept what happened.

Myreon Stroud, 24, of Troup, said coming to TJC is the worst thing that has ever happened to him. Stroud, who majors in criminal justice, says TJC has too many people. "The classes are too big and the instructors don't care about you," he said.

But Stroud is proud to be a father. He said having his son is the most rewarding thing in his life. The sun was shining on this Ozark, Ala., native as he said, "I had to settle down a lot." With a son to support, Stroud is continuing his education.

Getting a car is one of the best things that has ever happened to TJC student Laquanda Pettinrew, 17. The worst thing, she said, was moving to a new high school in the middle of her junior year. She made the best of it, she said, and learned that even though you do not like something, you have to make the best of it.

Kinesiology major Brian Crawford, 20, from Corsicana, lives in an apartment in Tyler and funds school with a grant. He does not work. Crawford said one of the best things for him was getting a car, because he could move around more whenever he pleased.

Crawford's worst experience was getting fired from his job for something he did not do. He tried to cope by finding another job and he learned from that experience not to mix with the wrong crowd.

Criminal justice major Courtney King, 18, from Marlin, pays for college with grants and lives on campus. He is unemployed.

One of the best things that ever happened to him was when he got his first girlfriend. Before that he was very insecure, but the girlfriend made him feel secure, mainly because they got intimate together and it brought new experiences. The worst was he found out that girlfriend was cheating on him. He coped with it by talking to her cousin and learned never to go by looks.

Tyler native Ashley Johnson described her best experience, getting a new car, as something most people would think of as trivial or materialistic. Those people don't know Johnson or the meaning behind her reasoning.

She said she's had some not-so-good cars in the past and this car showed her the value of things when you work hard for them.

Johnson's worst experience was the day she learned her grandfather had been diagnosed with cancer. Since this happened so recently, she and her family are still trying to cope with this event.

Elementary education major Stephanie Langford lives in Tyler with her parents. Langford's best experience was finding out her sister is pregnant. This is so exciting, she said, "because this is the first grandbaby of the family."

Her worst experience came when her dad had a small, but significant heart attack. She and her family spent more time together and they learned to appreciate life and to live healthier.

Nicole Green, 19, said her best experience is having a wide variety of close friends. Green said, "They are all close to me and all care and support each other." This makes her appreciate people more.

Green's worst experience was the day her father died. To deal with this, she was as optimistic as she could be and said she learned not to take life for granted.

Student wins Apple iPod in TJC Bookstore contest

By Aaron May
Co-editor

Dental hygiene major Priscilla Garcia, 18, won a free 20 GB Apple iPod Oct. 22 at the TJC Bookstore.

"I was just going to buy a scantron for a test and they asked me if I wanted to enter a contest. I did, and I won," Garcia said.

The contest was sponsored by the Follett Higher Education Group, which operates the TJC Bookstore.

"The purpose of the contest was to gather student e-mail addresses because we are releasing a new version of our website," Store Manager Chad Cottrill

said. "All together, we collected 136 entry forms."

This contest was held at many Follett stores across the nation. All information gathered is for Follett's use only and will not be sold to any other marketing groups, Cottrill said.

Lucky day—Dental Hygiene major Priscilla Garcia won a free Apple iPod last week at TJC Bookstore. Bookstore Manager Chad Cottrill presented the prize. Her reward was part of a national campaign managed by Follett Higher Education Group.



Students give reasons why they do/don't smoke

By Meighan Brown
Staff Writer

Of 25 students interviewed, 16 smoke every day, from one cigarette every few days to two and a half packs a day. Most said that they have tried to quit at least once and nine admit smoking affects their lives. Two said it doesn't affect them at all.

Journalism major Andy Martinez, 18, said he smokes "because it's the cool thing to do."

Journalism major Hassen Dean, 19, smokes because, "It helps when I am stressed out."

Ultrasound major Keagan Shan-

non said she smokes because, "It feels good, calms my nerves and I just like to do it."

Morgan Moore, 20, from Tyler, said she smokes because, "I drink and because I get bored."

Nine of the 25 interviewed do not smoke.

Chelsea Craig from Terrell said, "I never wanted to, because it's unhealthy and nasty."

Journalism major Stan Jones, 20, said he chooses not to smoke "for health reasons, and I'm involved in athletics to be my best," he said.

Sophomore music major Jeremy

Green doesn't smoke because "it makes people's breath smell bad and I can't afford it."

Freshman theater/history education major Jamie Applegate said, "No, because it's gross."

Freshman environmental science major Ally Bonds said, "I don't want to become addicted like my biological mother did."

Freshman general studies major Justin Holley said, "I know that it kills people, but I do it because of stress."

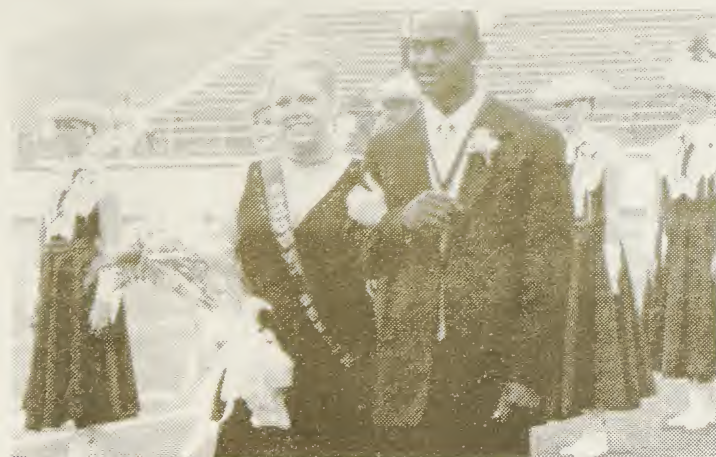
Freshman history major Curt Hill doesn't smoke "because it's bad for you."

Most non-smokers made no com-

ment about smokers.

Rachael Riley contributed to this story.

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Left: Amanda Zachary and Anthony Luckey were crowned Homecoming queen and king.



Right: The Apaches fought hard on the Oct. 9 football game despite the rainy weather.

Photos by Josh Rosales

Homecoming

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The football team had much support at the pep rally. However, TJC suffered an unfortunate homecoming loss with long time rival

Kilgore on Oct. 9. The score was 30-17. Tradition says the team will loose if the drumbeat in front of the Rogers Student Center stops

beating. "It stopped for approximately one hour around 3 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 6" Nalley said.

"Planning has not yet

started for next years Homecoming, but events from this year will be evaluated and a couple of ideas that weren't used this year are in the

works for next year. We have to look at our budget because homecoming is an expensive task to undertake." Nalley said.



Photo by Aaron May

Pat Hartley Complex will contain locker rooms, showers and offices for the soccer team. Campus Safety Director Randy Melton said parking has not been much of a problem despite construction going on nearby.

Renovations, buildings update sports facilities

By Aaron May
Co-editor

This semester, Campus areas have become construction sites with the renovations of the Wagstaff Gym and the new Pat Hartley fieldhouse and the concessions building near Hartley field on Fifth Street and Palmer Street.

The first phase of Wagstaff Gym construction included installing a new hardwood floor, increasing seating capacity from 2,165 to about 2,500. Other changes are a new heating and air conditioning system, scoreboards, public address sound system and a much-needed fire alarm system, Physical Plant Manager Fred

Carson said.

Phase one renovations cost more than \$1.5 million.

Phase two plans will include new offices, showers, locker-rooms, meeting rooms, training rooms and an upgrade to the Gym entrance. These are awaiting funding decisions.

The new Pat Hartley Complex, will contain offices, showers and locker-rooms for the soccer team. The Complex cost more than \$600,000, Carson said.

In the same area a new \$200,000 concessions and restroom facility is taking shape. It will contain a snack stand for games and other events held on Hartley Field.

TJC Soccer defeats Mountain View 7-1

By Hassan Dean
Staff writer

The TJC Soccer Team won their game, 7-1, defeating Mountain View College of Dallas.

David Hague of Jarrow, England, scored the opening goal in the fifth minute of the first half. He followed up with a second goal four minutes later.

The third goal came from Cam Pierce of Tyler, 24 minutes into the game. Avneet Shergill scored fourth and fifth goals before the half ended.

Mountain View played well, but TJC clearly held the upper hand, with more aggressive players who com-

municated well without any hesitation.

In second half, Mountain View tightened their defense and improved their play. Despite that, TJC's Mnandi Ohazurume from Houston scored 17 minutes into the second half and repeated this performance a minute later, to give TJC a 7-0 lead, with an assist from Tony Judice, of Slidell, La.

Halfway into the second half TJC seemed to tire, missing a penalty shot and receiving a yellow card, both in the 22nd minute. Mountain View scored their first goal, with 18 minutes remaining in the game.

TJC played well. Head

Coach Steven Clements, who has coached soccer 19 years, is in his third season at TJC. He was happy with the outcome, even though TJC had lost to Richland College 0-1 the night before.

"I don't want to make any predictions, but if we try hard next Friday, we should be OK," Coach Clements said.

TJC will play Cuyahoga, N.Y. at 7 p.m. next Friday at home.

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